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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **THOMAS E.** 

DRAKE, JR., ET AL.

Attorney Docket No.: LM P051USC1

Serial No.: 10/634,342

Examiner: HWA S. LEE

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Art Unit: 2877

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

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FOR ULTRASONIC LASER TESTING

# PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF PATENT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.137

Mail Stop Petition P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant respectfully requests revival of this Application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) due to an unintentional delay in responding to a non-final Office Action dated August 1, 2006. Applicant was unaware of this Office Action. The entire delay in responding to the Office Action was unintentional by Applicant.

Applicant submits this petition, the reply to the Office Action and respectfully requests revival of this Application.

The fees necessary to revive this Application as defined in § 1.17(m) are being submitted in conjunction with this petition. Should there be any additional fees necessary to revive this Application, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to Bracewell & Giuliani LLP's Deposit Account Number 50-0259.

Respectfully submitted,

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# STATEMENT OF JOHN F. McGOWAN

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

My name is John F. McGowan and I am currently Associate General Counsel for Intellectual Property at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, a division of Lockheed Martin Corporation. I have held that or position since November 22, 1999. I am responsible for the management of intellectual property matters for the Aeronautics division of the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Lockheed Martin Corporation does not do patent prosecution with in-house intellectual property counsel. We rely on outside patent counsel to prepare, file, and prosecute patent applications on behalf of Lockheed Martin Corporation. We also rely on our outside counsel to pay issue and maintenance fees for these applications.

Unfortunately, we have recently discovered that one of our outside counsel failed to diligently handle our patent matters and multiple patent applications went abandoned. On or about September 25, 2007, we first learned of some of our applications had been abandoned without Lockheed Martin authorization or knowledge. We found more problems with this attorney's work over the course of the next week and contacted James E. Bradley of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP to determine what could be done to correct the problems with the abandoned patent applications. On October 9, 2007 we ordered the transfer of all cases to Mr. Bradley's firm and we have since directed Mr. Bradley to take all reasonable measures to revive these patent applications. The following is a partial list of patent applications we have requested to be revived by Mr. Bradley and members of his firm:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Title of Invention
10/634,342	August 05, 2003	Method and Apparatus for Ultrasonic Laser Testing
10/044,408	January 11, 2002	RF Communications Method & System for Laser Ultrasonic Testing
10/060,983	January 30, 2002	Method and Apparatus for Using a Two-Wave Mixing Ultrasonic Detection in Rapid Scanning Applications
10/142,071	May 09, 2002	Laser UT for Auto Painting
10/142,073	May 09, 2002	System & Method for Controlling Tube Thickness
10/142,178	May 09, 2002	System & Method for Controlling Wafer Temperature
10/703,655	November 07, 2002	Method and Apparatus to Reduce Noise for Improved Interferometric Laser-Ultrasound Detection
11/018,994	December 21, 2004	Method and Apparatus for a Compact Laser-Ultrasound Probe for Remote Access Ultrasonic Inspection

With regard to these patent applications, at no time did Lockheed Martin Corporation instruct our outside counsel to allow these applications to become abandoned. Additionally, at no time prior to September 25, 2007 was I or anyone in my office notified of the abandonment of

these patent applications, either by the responsible outside counsel or anyone else. We had, and have, every intention of fully prosecuting each and every one of these patent applications to their fullest extent.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

Executed on November \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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